

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST
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*****SUBJECT*****

All Region 6 emails/attachments dated after May 1,2010, regarding testing of Gulf water and/or air and/or oil samples, requests for samples and test results from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

*****ASSIGNED OFFICE(s)*****

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DUE DATE: July 23, 2010

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EPA FOIA REQUEST: Region 6 emails re BP oil spill
Bryant to: Group R6Foia
Cc: rachel, bryant, tara
Please respond to bryant

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Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, submitted under the provisions for the FOIA and the 1996 electronic FOIA amendments (e-FOIA).

I respectfully request the following documents:

1. Any and all Region 6 EPA emails and email attachments dated after May 1, 2010, regarding the testing of Gulf water and/or air testing and/or oil samples, requests for samples, requests for test results, from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

This request is made as part of newsgathering for epiNewswire, a syndicated science and public health news service. The requested documents will significantly improve public understanding of the Region 6's participation in public health facets of the US Government's BP oil spill response, the largest environmental disaster in US history. Specifically, the requested documents will detail whether and to what degree the EPA and Region 6 sought to test toxic chemicals from Gulf water contaminated in the BP oil spill. The documents will be described in an article in epiNewswire, slated to run July 15.

I request a news media fee waiver for this request, but am willing to pay up to \$30 should a fee waiver be denied.

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I request disclosure of these records in digital form, complete with original metadata, wherever possible.

Please note that this request is being submitted after two weeks of unsuccessful attempts to get information through public affairs channels at EPA.

Thank you for your time and assistance. Please contact me via email with any questions.

Sincerely,
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